Learning With ZiCa and UminoKi!

Yes, some of you may be shocked to discover that the Malta Knights actually existed. But they really did, and in fact, still do! Now they do humanitarian work for people in need and/or the ailing ones.

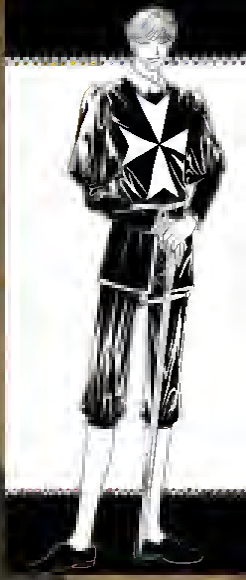
Their current insignia

Now, they allow women to join and the female members are called "dames". Here is a picture of a somewhat famous lady who is a currently a high ranked dame among the Malta Knights.

Queen Elizabeth II

The uniform back in the 1560s was nearly identical to how the author depicts them. This, here, is a painting from that era. You can compare the two and see the striking resemblance for yourself.

"Knight of Malta with watch" (Tziano.)



Augustine

They were founded in 1048, that makes them the most ancient order still working in the World. They made the first hospitals, back in the tme when doctors were rare.

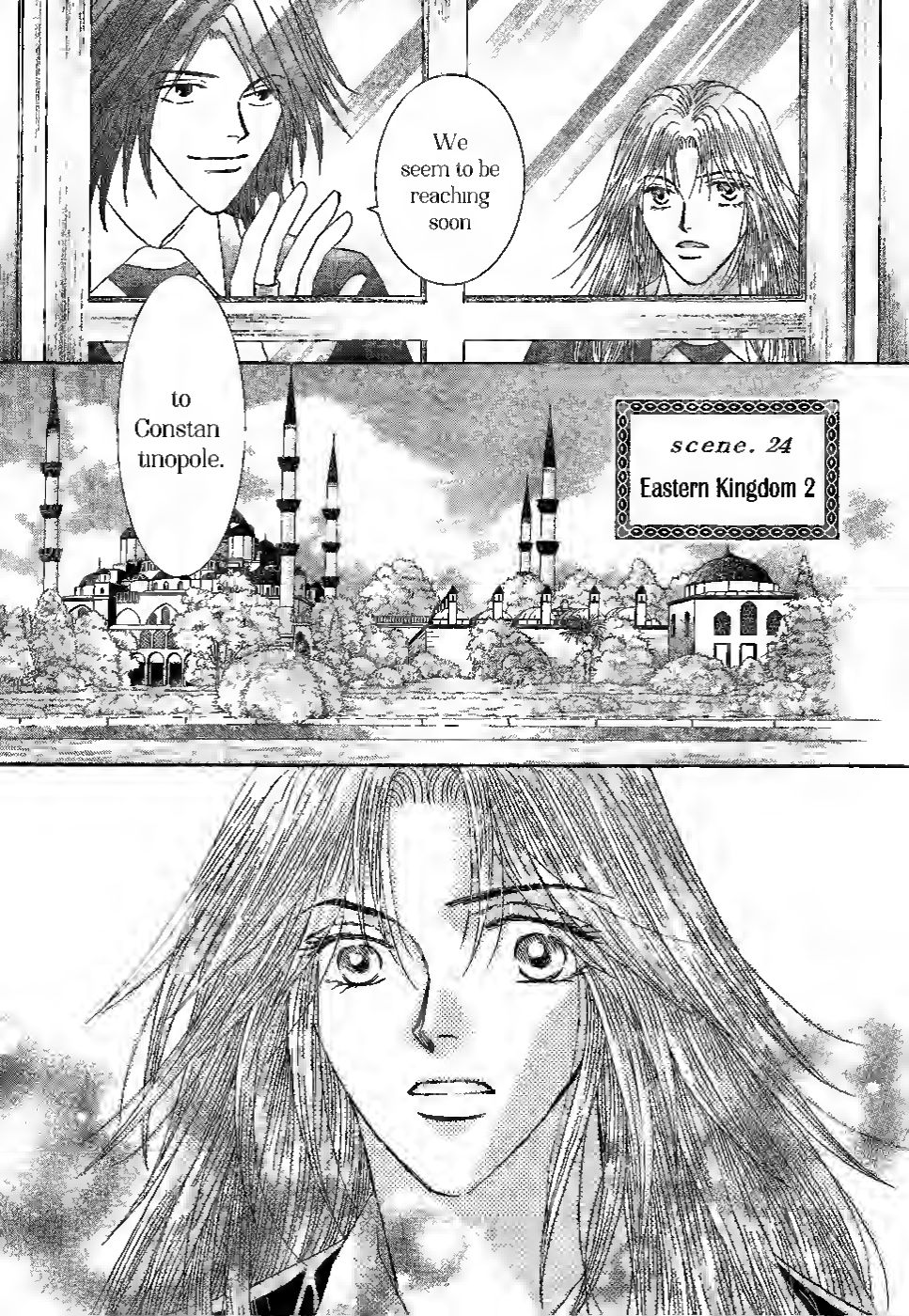
They were kicked out from the Island of Malta by Napoleon in 1798. Nowadays their "land" is in Rome.

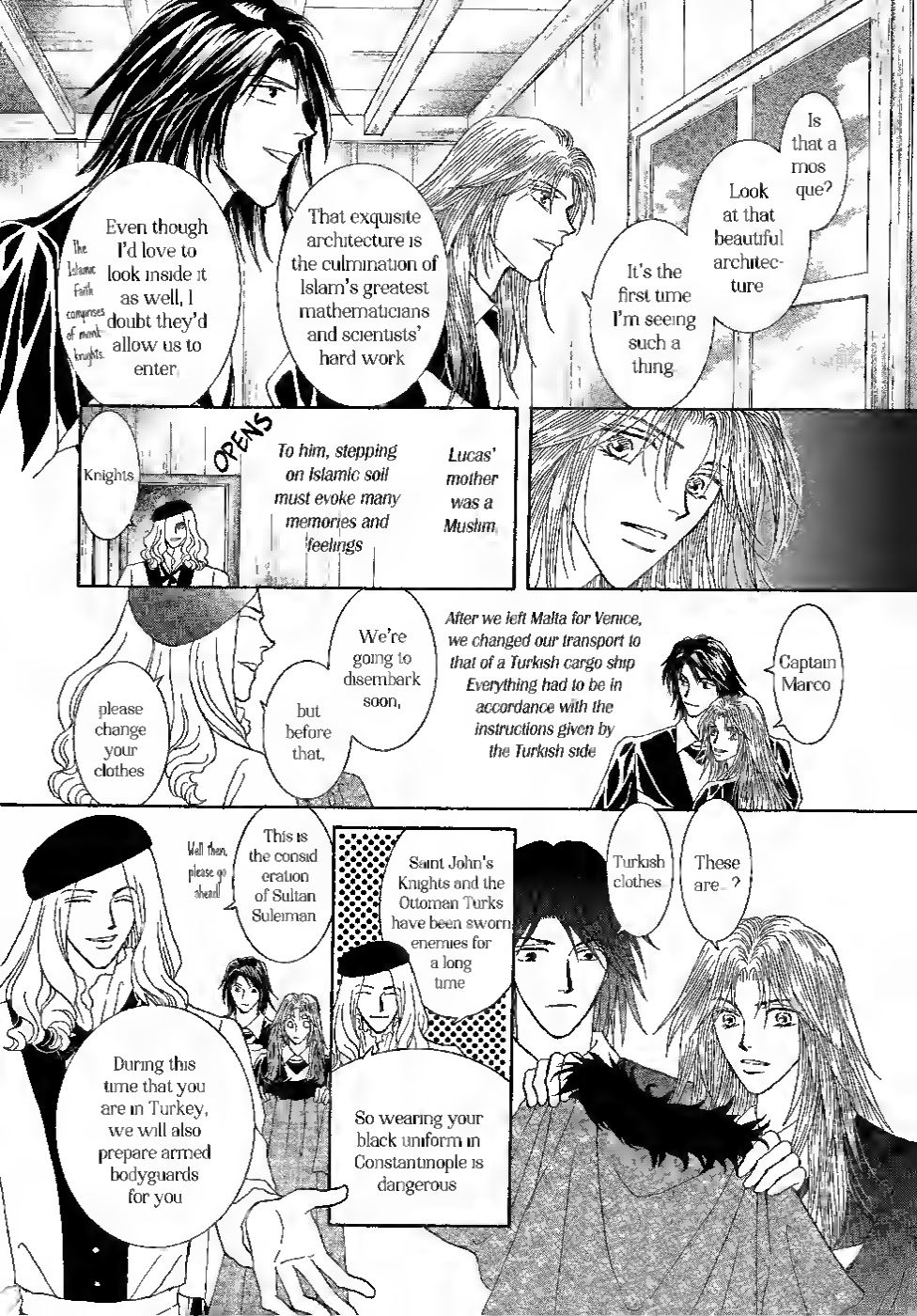
Palazzo di Malta in Rome

You can't enter their organization. You MUST be invited. :P

Interested? Search for them as SOVEREIGN MILITARY ORDER OF MALTA. You'll find way more. NOW, COMING CHAPTER STARTS!!

I won't take any sword with me.
You don't like it anymore ?
This is our family's precious heirloom.
Even after it has cut down a thousand men it will not be damaged one bit.
This isn't the sword your father gave me
Something that precious was taken away by my enemy.
Don't think too much about it.
After it was confiscated by Dragut, it has remained on that fellow's ship this whole time.
Leaving that aside


We seem to be reaching soon
to Constantinopole.
scene. 24
Eastern Kingdom 2


Is that a mos que?
Look at that beautiful architec- ture
It's the first time I'm seeing such a thing
That exquisite architecture is the culmination of Islam's greatest mathematicians and scientists' hard work
The Islamic Faith comprises of many knights
Even though I'd love to look inside it as well, I doubt they'd allow us to enter
OPENS
Knights
To him, stepping on Islamic soil must evoke many memories and feelings
Lucas' mother was a Muslim
Captain Marco
After we left Malta for Venice, we changed our transport to that of a Turkish cargo ship Everything had to be in accordance with the instructions given by the Turkish side
We're going to disembark soon,
but before that,
please change your clothes
These are...?
Turkish clothes
Saint John's Knights and the Ottoman Turks have been sworn enemies for a long time
This is the consid eration of Sultan Suleiman
Well then, please go ahead!
So wearing your black uniform in Constantinople is dangerous
During this time that you are in Turkey, we will also prepare armed bodyguards for you

CHANGE OF ATTIRE AND BODYGUARDS TO FOLLOW.
Looks like this mission's going to be real easy
Really, the "True Knight" Suleiman
Such thorough preparations
If that's the case
I'LL CHANGE NOW!
CONTINUES CRUSHING LUCAS' HOPES.
That's why Please don't just change in front of me like that
Who are them
Thump Thump Thump
SHINES!
SHINES!

SPARK!
SPARK!
Ohhhh
That golden hair! Those green emeralds!
How should I put it?
Although Europeans aren't scarce, but...
How beautiful!
SPARKLE!
Everyone's eyes are turning towards her now.
Him?
An angel! Is that an angel from Heaven?

He's known throughout the world.
Truly peaceful.
* Michael is the common angel of the Christians, Muslims and Jews.
IT'S EXACTLY LIKE HAVING THE PRINCE AMONG THE ANGELS,
Michael!!
Hmm, is the person who's supposed to receive us not here yet?
Even in Turkey, I'm called Michael.
Why?
MAYBE THEY ARE! WOW!
TAP!
Constantinople.
Welcome to
My princess.
I've not seen you for three years.

!!
Dragut Reis!
A pleasure, that we should cross paths again
WHOOSH

SLASH!
Revenge for my father!
WHOOSH!
A bit too slow!
You won't dodge!
My next slash!
WHOOSH!

SFX: CLANG!!

Team Zica Credits: *Pixix* translated. Thanks <3

I must duel you today!
Draw your sword, Dragut!
Your movements have become much quicker, princess
Compared to the past three years,
Aciel, stop!
If you were to make a scene here...!!
This won't sound for Lord Daniel's safety!
Indeed,
please postpone your fight for later
That man,
is to be your valuable bodyguard

Hello
MY FATHER'S MURDERER!
This pirate?
This man?
Body-guard?
Ah, forgive me for being late
In order to ensure your safety during your stay in Turkey, this is the Sultan's order
and he's also the leader of the very fine Turkish Imperial Guard
Dragut is one of the Turkish Empire's strongest and most formidable martial artist,
Vizir Sokullu
He's the one who served Enrique as Turkey's spy, the man behind Ariel's kidnapping *
Sokullu Mehmed
I am the Empire's Second Vizir,
Everything is highly suspicious.
To think that our two worst enemies would be tasked as our tour guide and bodyguard!
During your stay in our land, I will be the person in charge of taking care of your needs,
let's get along
I have dreamt of this day, that I could meet you at last,
I feel grateful

Team Zica Credits: ***Ren*** cleaned. Thanks!

* In the year 1561, not long after the First Vizir passed away Sokullu was promoted from being the Third Vizir to the Second Vizir

to hug you, Aciel.
As a token of friendship
please allow me,
A hard nail
Meets another
Not a chance.
What an answer
We are here to take back our Italian Branch Captain, who was taken hostage previ ously.
We have no other intenuon I hope that you will quickly hand him over
Where is Lord Dauci? Please let us meet him Now! Immediately!
We came to Turkey nether in friendship nor to become friends
Oh?

As such,
the earliest time at which the extradition of the hostage can take place will be ten days later.
IS THIS FOR REAL?
To extradite the hostage,
we need that you will first have an audience with the Sultan Suleiman, his Majesty. Summarily, you may then negotiate and make representations.
However, it's most unfortunate
His Majesty is getting on in years.
Several days ago, he caught the flu. Currently, he is lying ill in bed and is unable to receive visitors.
According to the Imperial Physician, it will take him about ten days to recover sufficiently.

Aciel
During these ten days, we will look after you to the highest standards of hospitality,
You must have some patience, Aciel
Patience, patience
MMGH
GRR
GGRR
MMPH
ANGRILY, SILENTLY FUMING...
I already said it, I wish to visit his majesty!
There is truly nothing that goes smoothly in this world.
or as expected

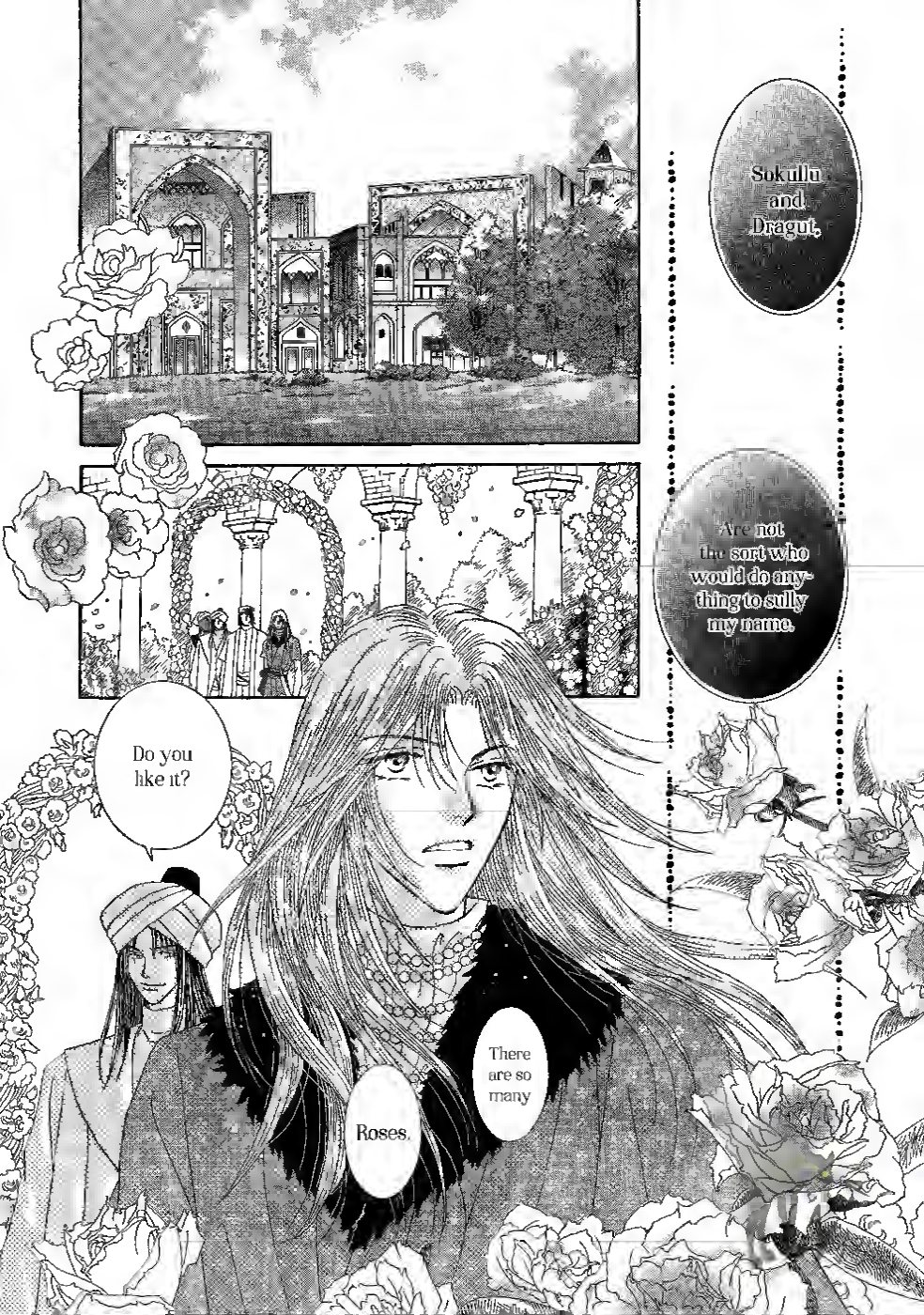
Even if it is your highness Selim or even Princess Mirmah...
His Majesty has given strict orders to turn away all who wish to see him
Please forgive us, your highness Selim,
I'm my father's only son, and I'm the crown prince! *
Why am I not allowed into my Honorable Father sickroom?
...
I'm really sorry
* Catching the rest died, due to sickness, murdering, etc.
Isn't that pagan young allowed to be in his sickroom?
I don't understand.
Your highness Selim
Hmph!
Forget it
Your highness Selim
Just tell my Honorable Father, that I came by to visit
that serpent of Jesus "Saint Johns's Knight"
The hostage that looks like a beautiful woman,

That dumb son of mine.
...
Are you awake now, Your Majesty?
He has absolutely no concern for the fact that there is just one wall between us,
I heard all that he said loud and clear
a truly hopeless idiot
Perhaps it's because he was born into such wealth, hence his casual carelessness
Both you and I were born into affluent households, why did we not turn out like that?
Stop standing up for him, Daniel
I'm sorry for my beauty
He appears to continue to suspect us of having unnatural relations
he's probably hoping that I'd die earlier so that he can inherit sooner the throne
Selim doesn't know how to respect others at all
Hence he will be unable to understand what it's like to love some one else
Just like a dog with his own tail in his mouth, running around in circles

That is
The future awaiting our Turkish Empire
Your Majesty Suleiman...
Let's ignore that for now,
It seems as though they've arrived
That female knight,
Aciel
Sokullu has gone to pick her up,
and they should be inside the Vizir's residence by now
!!
To come from so far away to Turkey
and yet I am unfortunately ill in bed and unable to meet her And I still have to make you wait on me
Really, thank you Daniel for that
it's no problem!
Your Majesty need not worry, I can meet Aciel first on my own!

Team Zica Credits: ***Carola*** worked hard.

CAN YOU BE THAT CRUEL??
you...
Ah?
When you and Aciel meet,
I must be present!
Because I have already planned to give the both of you a grand surprise!
What?
Because Turkey's number one marine,
will be looking after Aciel's safety
You have to respect the wishes of the elderly.
Okay
You don't have to worry about Aciel
Wait till I'm better!
Yes
You don't have to worry
He's the one who caused you to suffer those life threatening injuries,
Dragut.


Sokullu and Dragut,
Are not the sort who would do anything to sully my name.
Do you like it?
There are so many
Roses.

RUSTLE
Roses are also considered the flower of Saint Mary
Vizir?
Are you confessing,
Everyone was at it since early this morning so where ever you cast your eye upon,
there will be roses
They were specially procured to welcome the princess
Please feel free to indicate which flower you like, we will then use it in tomorrow's flower arrangement
What a luxurious residence... is it evidence of the wealth of the Second Vizir?
No, thanks.
In that case,
we will continue using roses tomorrow!
You are just like a goddess, Aciel.
They suit your beauty the best.

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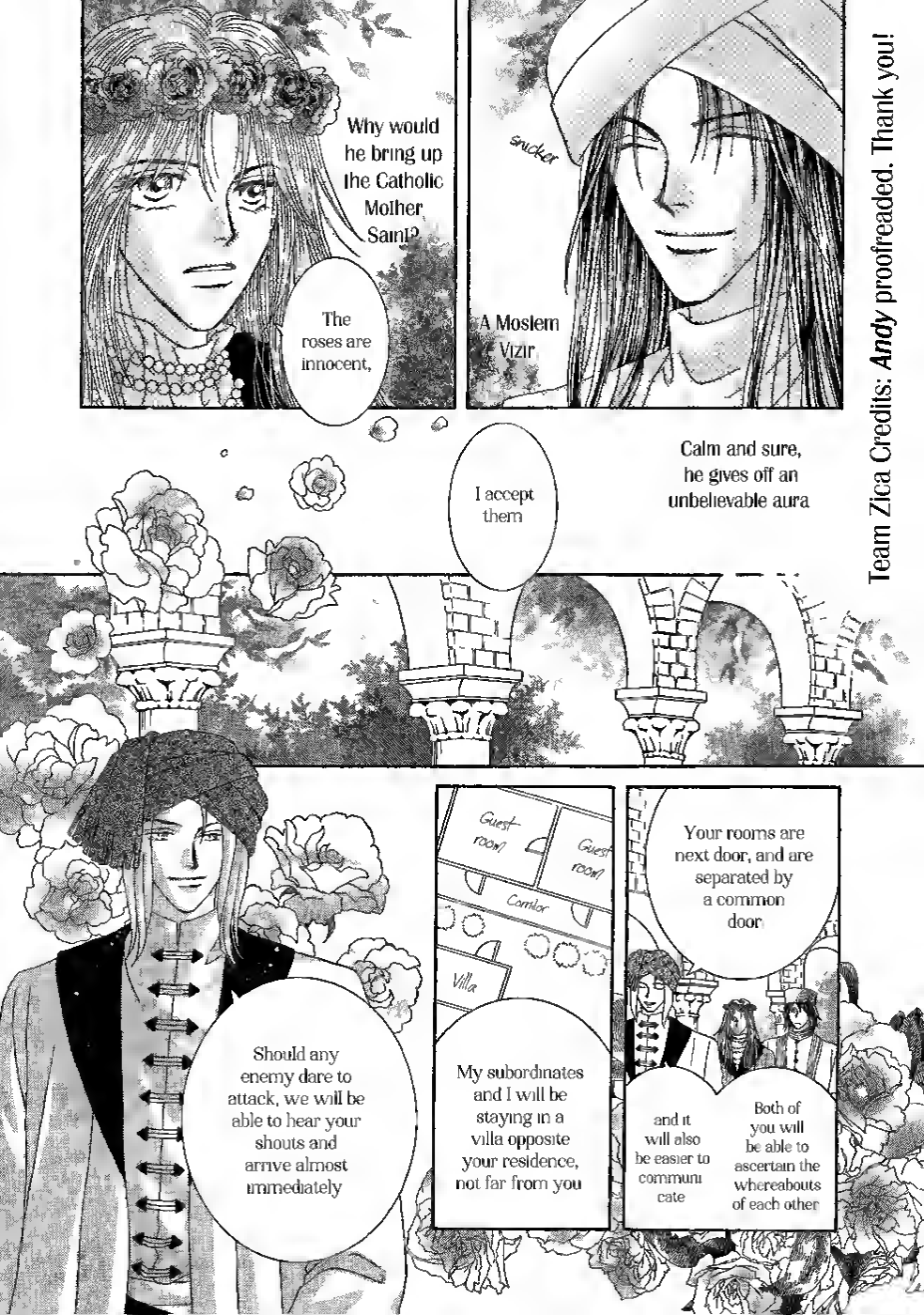
Why would he bring up the Catholic Mother Saint?
The roses are innocent,
snicker
A Moslem Vizir
Calm and sure, he gives off an unbelievable aura
I accept them
Guest room
Guest room
Corridor
Villa
Your rooms are next door, and are separated by a common door
My subordinates and I will be staying in a villa opposite your residence, not far from you
and it will also be easier to communi cate
Both of you will be able to ascertain the whereabouts of each other
Should any enemy dare to attack, we will be able to hear your shouts and arrive almost immediately

Team Zica Credits: ***Andy*** proofreaded. Thank you!

That is also the princess' wish, is it not?
How ever,
I must ask that you refrain from sneaking out silently without us knowing.
If the princess were to come to any harm during her stay in Turkey, I could only make amends by offering my life to His Majesty.
I do not, wish for such a meaningless death!
You killed my father,
that would be pointless
so if I don't kill you personally,
resolve?
Is that hatred's

I want to duel you to the death one more time!
Once we're done getting the hostage,
and once you've finished all your duties regarding us,
I wish to duel you
A beautiful warrior, worthy of the floral crown.
Sure thing!

Team Zica Credits: ***Zilvere*** scanned. Thank you!

Why is Aciel's immortal enemy
that awfully strong pirate?
Lucas why the long face?
What is it?
I promise to duel you,
Aciel
Is this
a matter which I cannot avoid?
What do you think?
If I sprinkle some water on this floral wreath, it should last longer right?
As if I could cheer up so easily!
If we hang it in a windy place, it'll dry naturally
Let me see
Isn't it better to turn it into dried flowers?
Oh!
If the drying process is successful, it can last quite a few years

At least call me a grandpa.
Even though I don't like that at all.
You know so much,
like some old granny's big bag of wisdom
It's great to have you accompany me to Turkey.
Because I can think of ways to make potpourri?
Of course that's not it.
my heart is calm and at peace
As long as I have you by my side,

Even though we're in the enemy's territory,
even if I'm going to fight my worst enemy in ten days time
As long as I have you by my side
it feels like we're at your house in Malta
Aciel...
I may be by your side but I just can't seem to calm down or steady myself
aren't you just teasing me a bit too much?
Ah?

I am just an ordinary man
Lucas
Every single time that you reveal your vulnerability in front of me
it makes my heart beat that much faster

Aciel,
the thought of you dueling with Dragut,
and the fact that you could lose your life because of it,
that makes me incredibly uneasy and I don't know what to do
Lucas...
If you were to disappear from in front of me,
this world would become so much darker for it.
Even though I logically understand
that your spirit is that of a knight,
but I am just a normal man, and I cannot see past that.

I have fallen in love with you,
Aciel.

Master
The ship is entering the harbour,
We are finally reaching,
to Constan-tinopole

I AM THE WEALTHY ITALIAN MERCHANT.
Who cares what he thinks
Who cares what he thinks
MY WIFE AND SERVANT GIRL (ACTUALLY, MY MISTRESS).
AND THE REST OF YOU WILL BE HOUSEKEEPER AND SERVANT 1, SERVANT 2.
Does everyone remember their roles?
YES, MASTER.
THIS ARRANGEMENT IS REALLY IRKSOME
Then_
LET'S CONQUER OTTOMAN TURKEY!!!
LETS GO! GO
No...
The purpose of this trip wasn't supposed to be that grand, right?